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SUBJECT: AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES- DIRECTOR

HAFEEZ MALIK

REF: ISLAMABAD 10597,

1. DURING DEC. 19-JAN. 9 ISLAMABAD VISIT HOWARD WRIGGINS BRIEFED MINED AND MFA OFFICIALS ON AIPS INTERNAL PROBLEMS. WRIGGINS TOOK POSITION THAT HAFEEZ MALIK SHOULD CONTINUE AS AIPS DIRECTOR BUT WITH CLEAR LIMITS ON HIS AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED BY NEXT AIPS PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES. GOP OFFICIALS CONCURRED IN THIS POSITION WHILE UNANIMOUSLY VOICING DESIRE THAT AIPS CONTINUE IN OPERATION.

2. WRIGGINS SOUGHT GOP AGREEMENT ON FY 77 COMMITMENT OF RUPEES IN FIFTY TO SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR RANGE. OFFICIALS GAVE VERBAL ASSURANCES THAT FUNDS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BUT NO SPECIFIC FIGURE WAS ARRIVED AT. CPAO WILL VISIT EDESEC NEXT WEEK TO ENQUIRE AS TO PROGRESS ON FUNDING.

3. JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE WRIGGINS WAS ABLE MEET BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON PURPOSE OF WRIGGINS'S VISIT BY MFA. PM SEEMED TO APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES MALIK HAD CAUSED AIPS AND CONCURRED IN WRIGGINS' APPROACH TO PROBLEM. EXCEPT FOR REFERENCE TO LAKE COMO/G.W. CHOUDHRY EPISODE PM'S COMMENTS ON AIPS WERE POSITIVE AND STRESSED HIS CONTINUING PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM.

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4. WRIGGINS WILL CALL YOU WITH FURTHER DETAILS ON HIS RETURN
TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.
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